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SUBJECT: Request for correction to PALM / PAIR entry date
for Response to Office Action of 05/22/02

Serial No: 08/786,988 - Filing Date: 01/23/1997 w/CPA 11/16/01

Our Docket No: 24736-2001D

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A Response/Amendment to the 05/22/02 Office Action was filed 11/22/02 and received by USPTO 11/26/02. A copy of transmittal documents and OIPE date-stamped postcard is attached. On 01/09/03 Examiner Bex called re non-receipt of Response received 11/26/02. At that time, a copy of the Response/Amendment along with the return receipt postcard was faxed to the Examiner and subsequently entered.

Please correct PAIR entries 78, 79 and 80 to reflect the actual receipt date of 11/26/02 rather than the faxed copy date of 01/09/03. This correction is required to eliminate further errors in patent term adjustment calculations at allowance.

Thank you for your assistance in updating the file contents records for this application.

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TO: Examiner Bex
FROM: Cindy Koppelman
DATE: January 9, 2003
YOUR REF: 08/786,988
OUR DOCKET NO: 24736-2001D

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Examiner Bex:

Per our telephone conversation this morning, please find a copy of the response filed in response to the May 22, 2002 Office Action received from the USPTO. If you any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Dr. Stephanie Seidman at 858-450-8403. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cindy Koppelman

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment in response to the Office Action
mailed May 22, 2002, with a check (\$460) for the requisite fees for a three
month extension of time and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of
time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed May 22, 2002, entry of the amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 62 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 5, 25, 31, 40, 63, 64 66 and 70 with amended claims 1, 5, 31, 40 and 70 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for forming an array of a sample material on a surface of a substrate and analyzing the sample material in the resulting array, comprising:

providing a vesicle that has an interior chamber containing a fluid comprising a solvent containing the sample material;

disposing said vesicle adjacent to a first location on said surface of the substrate without contacting the surface with the vesicle;

providing mechanical pressure to the interior of the vesicle to eject from said chamber a defined and controlled 0.2 to 20 nanoliter volume of the fluid to dispense said fluid at said first location of said surface of the substrate;

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